

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Coast Region**

Resolution of Appreciation

for

Amanda Bern

Resolution No. R3-2010-0018

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region hereby finds that:

1. Amanda Bern retired on January 1, 2010, after more than 10 years of dedicated service to the State of California and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board;
2. Amanda has worked with passion and commitment to preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources;
3. Amanda worked closely with Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and many other partners to implement the Sanctuary's Plan for Agriculture and the Central Coast Water Board's Salinas Action Plan; She gave numerous water quality presentations at grower meetings and Farm Water Quality Planning Short Courses throughout the Central Coast, educating growers about water quality issues and regulatory requirements;
4. Amanda has made multiple contributions to the Non-Point Source and Agricultural Waiver Programs; she has served as an advisor to peers and management about agricultural water quality issues; she played a key role in the development of the Agricultural Waiver Program and long-range program planning; She provided technical expertise on agricultural water quality data quality, analysis, and interpretation; She collaborated with researchers and the agricultural community to address water quality issues caused by agriculture. Amanda also helped develop a bilingual agricultural water quality short course which she presented to many of the farmers in the Central Coast Region;
5. Amanda has made multiple contributions to agricultural water quality by effectively implementing and managing the PG&E Settlement Fund and multiple grant projects that resulted in measurable improvements in reducing the impact of pesticides, nutrients, and sediments from farming operations within the Salinas and Elkhorn Slough Watersheds. In addition, Amanda's work supported a body of research on farming management practice effectiveness and water quality assessment that increased our understanding of water quality impairment related to agriculture and effective methods to protect and restore water quality: and
6. Throughout her many years of service, Amanda has served the people of this state with hard work and dedication. Further, she has earned the respect and admiration of her coworkers and external water quality partners for her knowledge, expertise, creativity, kindness, and friendship;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

1. The Central Coast Regional Board expresses its very sincere and grateful appreciation to Amanda Bern, for her dedication to the Board's water quality programs, to the betterment of the Central Coast Region's water and for a job well done; and
2. The Central Coast Regional Board wishes Amanda great happiness in all of her future endeavors.

I, Roger W. Briggs, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, on February 4, 2010.

Roger W. Briggs, Executive Officer